

Nume language

Nume (also called *Gog* and *Tarasag*) is an Oceanic language spoken on Gaua island in Vanuatu. Its 700 speakers live on the northeast coast of Gaua.^[1]

Nume is a distinct language from its immediate southern neighbors, Mwerlap and Dorig.^[3]

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Grammar

The system of personal pronouns in Nume contrasts clusivity, and distinguishes four numbers (singular, dual, trial, plural).^[4]

Spatial reference in Nume is based on a system of geocentric (absolute) directionals, which is typical of Oceanic languages.^[5]

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Nume	
Tarasag, Gog	
Native to	Vanuatu
Region	Gaua
Native speakers	700 (2012) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Southern Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Vanuatu<ul style="list-style-type: none">North Vanuatu<ul style="list-style-type: none">Torres–Banks<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nume
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	tg s
Glottolog	nume1241 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/nume1241) ^[2]

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External links

- Linguistic map of north Vanuatu, showing range of Nume on Gaua (http://alex.francois.online.fr/AlexFrancois_Torba-languages_map.htm).
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